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Subject: NPRM Ban 121.5 ELT

Request FCC indefinitely delay banning ELT operating on 121.5 for the following reasons:

1. Undue financial hardship this would place on owner/operators of General Aviation (GA) aircraft.
2. 121.5 is still monitored by the Civil Air Patrol and those participating in the civilian Search and Rescue efforts.
3. Airplane Owners and Pilot's Association (AOPA) states the safety benefits of the 406 MHz models are "minimal and short-lived".
4. Commercial Off the Shelf devices can be optionally purchased by pilots who need specialized ELT equivalent protection in the form of Personal Locator Beacons and commercial satellite tracking.
5. ADS-B will be mandatory in 2020 and largely exceed 406 benefits.

Please don't create an unfunded mandate and a compliance requirement in a field that already has plenty to do.

Sincerely,

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